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SUBJ: TRADE UNIONS PLAN PROTEST STOPWORK MEETINGS

REF WELLINGTON 0829

1. NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF LABOUR (FOL) HAS AUTHORIZED LOCAL TRADES COUNCILS TO CONDUCT STOPWORK MEETINGS TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR FOL IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT. MEETINGS TENTATIVELY HAVE BEEN SET FOR CHRISTCHURCH APRIL 5, WELLINGTON APRIL 7, AUCKLAND APRIL 9, AND DUNEDIN APRIL 12. ORGANIZED BY CITY TRADES COUNCILS, MEETINGS WILL BE ADDRESSED BY FOL PRESIDENT SIR THOMAS SKINNER AND SECRETARY JIM KNOX. ALTHOUGH MAINLY AIMED AT IMPROVING FOL'S BARGAINING POSITION IN NATIONAL WAGE REGULATION NEGOTIATIONS, MEETINGS WILL ALSO GIVE FOL OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON SEVERAL OTHER LABOR ISSUES INCLUDING UNEMPLOYMENT AND GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE VOLUNTARY UNIONISM.

2. COMMENT - MEETINGS ARE BOUND TO DISRUPT DAILY ACTIVITIES OF MANY NEW ZEALANDERS AND ARE UNLIKELY TO WIN THE FOL ANY NEW FRIENDS. HOWEVER, THEY ARE PROBABLY A POLITICAL NECESSITY FOR SIR TOM WHO HAS BEEN OPENLY CRITICIZED

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FOR NOT DISPLAYING ADEQUATE LEADERSHIP. MEETINGS WILL

ALLOW HIM TO BE SEEN TAKING ON THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICLY AND  
SHOULD SERVE TO REDUCE CRITICISM OF HIS STEWARDSHIP AT  
MAY 4-7 FOL CONFERENCE.  
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